

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: ELECTRIC SWITCHING DEVICE  
COMPRISING AN ARC-QUENCHING UNIT

Examiner: M. Fishman

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE**  
**ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final office action dated July 5, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated September 13, 2007 received in the above-identified application, Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment and Supplemental Response together with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be amended as follows: